"Inspector Raj" In SSIs

1577. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been examining the question of ending "Inspector Raj" with respect to Small scale industries; and

(b) if so, what strategy has since been evolved to achieve this objective?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government has always been conscious of the need to end "Inspector Raj" in the context of the small scale industries (SSI) sector. Accordingly, all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to look into the returns submitted under various existing labour laws by small scale industries as self certified and treat them as *prima-facie* compliance. In addition, a 'Small Enterprises Development Bill' is under consideration of the Government, which will *inter alia*, seek to address the issue of reducing and streamlining the inspection of SSI units under various laws, at present applicable to them.

Reserved Industries for SSIs

1578. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately reviewed the list of industries reserved for small scale sector; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and which industries have been or are being taken out of this list?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Accordingly, Government has dereserved 85 items (including 15 sub-items which do not have independent serial number attached to them in the last reservation list) under Government Notification S.O. 1169 (E) dated 20th October 2004 as given in the statement-I and II.